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1. INSTRUCTION REFTEL A. CARRIED OUT WITH ALEMAYEHU SEIFU, AMERICAN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR MOFA, MORNING FEB. 8. LATTER EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR CLARIFICATION US POSTURE AND SAID HE WOULD BRING GIST TO ATTENTION OF MOFA ELEMENTS CONCERNED.

2. CONTENTS BOTH REFTELS BRIEFED TO MOFA'S AFRICAN/MID-EAST DIRECTOR ASSEFA LEGESSE AFTERNOON FEB. 9. ASSEFA TOOK NOTE OF SUBSTANCE WITH INTEREST. HE THEN ASKED POL COUNSELOR SERIES OF SPECULATIVE QUESTIONS ON LIKELY TIMING AND EFFECTIVENESS CONTINUING US EFFORTS "TO CONVERT ANGOLA FROM COUNTRY UNDER FOREIGN-COMMUNIST OCCUPATION TO GENUINELY SOVEREIGN STATE." UNDERLYING ASSEFA'S QUESTIONS WAS CONCERN THAT MPLA WITH HELP SOVIETS AND CUBANS WOULD IMPOSE ITSELF IN ANGOLA IN NEAR-TERM; FACE US CONGRESS AND PUBLIC OPINION WITH FAIT ACCOMPLI; AND THAT STEAM WOULD THEREAFTER GO OUT OF USG'S EFFORTS. POL COUNSELOR CONFINED HIMSELF TO STATEMENT IN REPLY THAT USG COULD NOT AFFORD TO TURN ITS BACK ON KEY GEO-POLITICAL FACT THAT USSR AND ITS
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CUBAN PROXIES HAD ENABLED MINORITY POLITICAL FACTION

TO IMPOSE ITSELF AS GOVERNMENT OF DISTANT INDEPENDENT
AFRICAN STATE BY FORCE OF ARMS. INCIDENTALLY, IT CLEAR
FROM ASSEFA'S STATEMENT THAT MOFA FULLY AWARE CUBAN
PRESENCE IN SOMALIA.
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